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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/509,932		Applicant(s) ANTONI-ZIMMERMANN ET AL.	
	Examiner Donna Jagoe		Art Unit 1614	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 January 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 10-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 10-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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The amendment filed 7 January 2005 has been received and entered. Claims 10-18 are pending in this application and claims 1-9 have been canceled.

The indicated allowability of claims 10-18 is withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference(s) to (AA) Fax dated 8/13/2003 from Karl Phipps at the Society of Tribologists and Lubrication Engineers, together slides from annual meeting held May 17-21, 1998 and (BB) Kordek® 50 C – biocide for Use in Metalworking Fluid Concentrates 1995, and (DD) IPBC Preservative Combination Systems for Material Protection 1997. Rejections based on the newly cited reference(s) follow.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claims 10, 14 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by (AA) Fax dated 8/13/2003 from Karl Phipps at the Society of Tribologists and Lubrication Engineers, together slides from annual meeting held May 17-21, 1998.

The slides teach 2-methylisothiazolin-3-one, combined with IBPC (3-iodo-2-propynyl-N-butylcarbamate) in an effective amount to control bacteria and fungi (see page 14).

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 10, 11, 14 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by (BB) Kordek® 50 C – biocide for Use in Metalworking Fluid Concentrates 1995 (Rohm and Haas).

Rohm and Haas teach Kordek® 50 C (2-Methyl-4-isothiazolin-3 on), an active biocide against a wide range of microorganisms (page 5) is compatible with additional fungicides such as Iodopropylbutyl carbamates (IPBC) in a concentration to yield 50 to 100 ppm (page 9).

Claims 10-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by (DD) Gruening (4-1997).

Gruening teaches the combination of IPBC and methyl (chloro)isothiazolinone for use as a preservative in cosmetics, paint, wood and MWF (see table 1-5 and table 1-6) for fungicidal and bactericidal protection of cosmetic products, in concentrations of from 8:1 to 1:200.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

Claims 11-13, 15-16 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over (AA) Fax dated 8/13/2003 from Karl Phipps at the Society of Tribologists and Lubrication Engineers, together slides from annual meeting held May 17-21, 1998.

The slides teach 2-methylisothiazolin-3-one, combined with IBPC (3-iodo-2-propynyl-N-butylcarbamate) in an effective amount to control bacteria and fungi (see page 14). It does not teach all of the concentrations of the instant claims. One skilled in the art would have been motivated to prepare additional useful compositions of the ranges taught by the prior art. While the reference is silent regarding some % ratios, the difference in concentration will not support the patentability of subject matter encompassed by the prior art unless there is evidence indicating such concentration is critical. When the general conditions are disclosed in the prior art, it is not inventive to discover the optimum or workable ranges by routine experimentation. In re Aller, 220 F.2d 45, 105 USPQ 233, 235 (CCPA 1955). In the absence of any criticality and/or unexpected results of the additional ranges claimed, instant invention is considered obvious.

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Claims 12, 13, 15, 16 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over (BB) Kordek® 50 C – biocide for Use in Metalworking Fluid Concentrates 1995 (Rohm and Haas).

Rohm and Haas teach Kordek® 50 C (2-Methyl-4-isothiazolin-3 on), an active biocide against a wide range of microorganisms (page 5) is compatible with additional fungicides such as Iodopropylbutyl carbamates (IPBC) in a concentration to yield 50 to 100 ppm (page 9).

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Conclusion

Applicant's submission of an information disclosure statement under 37 CFR 1.97(c) with the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) on 16 August 2004 prompted the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS**

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MADE FINAL. See MPEP § 609.04(b). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

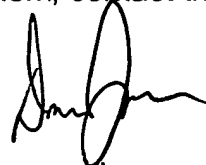
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Donna Jagoe whose telephone number is (571) 272-0576. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher Low can be reached on (571) 272-0951. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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